

IOCTA Fall Meeting 2025
Saturday, October 25, 11:00am
Idaho Pizza Company, Boise, Idaho

Attending

John Briggs
Mike Bromley
Rebecca Bromley
Betty Celaya
Pedro Celeya
Paul Dinwiddie
Dan Dunne
Jerry Eichhorst
David Gibbs
Linda Gibbs

Mike Gorringer
Shannon Gorringer
Mike Gurr
Jay Karamales
Clay Landry
Jame Landry
Jenny Miller
Bob Nelson
Lynelle Perry
Dave Price

James Roethig
Kent Schaufelberger
Mark Seyb
Sarah Skaar
Terry Sunderlin
David Valentine
Don Wind
Joanie Wind

Opening

Jerry opened the meeting at 11:15 am

Slides from Fall Meeting 2025 (Annotated with Meeting Notes where applicable)



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2025 IOCTA FALL MEETING

AGENDA

- ✱ 11:15 Chapter Meeting
 - ✱ Old business
 - ✱ New business
 - ✱ Election
 - ✱ Burley Convention
- ✱ 1:00 Lunch

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- ✱ Meeting of May 17, 2025
- ✱ Sent out to Leadership Team and approved via email
- ✱ Now on website

FINANCIAL REPORT - OCTOBER 25, 2025	
Previous Meeting Checking Balance	\$2,939.80
Checking Deposits	
Membership Dues - August 12	\$955.00
Membership Dues - October 16	\$155.00
Deposit from CD - October 21	\$6,289.25
Total Deposits	\$7,399.25
Checking Withdrawals	
Spring meeting lunch - Perkins - May 17	\$368.46
USPS - stamps	\$78.00
Transfer to Special Projects account	\$100.00
Total Withdrawals	\$546.46
Checking Net Increase / (Decrease)	\$6,852.79
CHECKING ENDING BALANCE	\$9,792.59
Previous Meeting Total Balance	\$9,385.20
Current Checking Account	\$9,792.59
Current Business Share Savings Account	\$295.00
Current Special Projects Account	\$100.00
Current Total Balance	\$10,187.59
Difference from last meeting	\$802.39

Vote to approve?

Financial Report: Discussed whether to purchase another CD. Decided not to purchase due to low rates and the need for funds for 2027 convention planning. Motion made to accept financial report, seconded, and passed by unanimous voice vote.

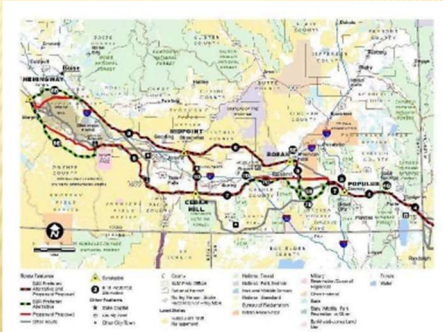
BOARDMAN TO HEMINGWAY (B2H)

- + 290 mile, 500-kilovolt line connects two regions – the Pacific Northwest and the Mountain West which utilize energy on different cycles.
- + This project will deliver affordable northwest energy to Idaho Power customers in the heat of summer.
- + General Mitigation Agreement from Idaho Power is still being finalized

GATEWAY WEST

- + Multi-segment 1,000 mile, 230- and 500-kV transmission line stretching through Wyoming and southern Idaho
- + Helps Idaho Power move energy efficiently between the Treasure Valley and Magic Valley, and import energy from outside our service area to meet customer needs

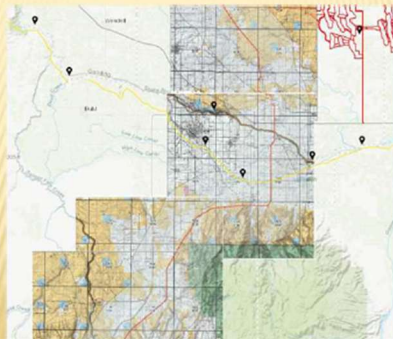
GATEWAY WEST



SOUTHWEST INTERTIE PROJECT (SWIP) NORTH

- + Proposed 285-mile, 500-kV transmission line will run from eastern Nevada to the Midpoint Station near Twin Falls
- + An import only line to bring in low-cost and abundant energy from the southwest, especially during winter months
- + Will go over the top of the Toano freight road

SOUTHWEST INTERTIE PROJECT (SWIP) NORTH



OTHER PROJECTS

- + Lava Ridge Wind, Snake River Solar, Taurus Wind – Moratorium
- + Bluebird II Solar Project – Bonneville Point
- + Clenera Solar Project – northwest of Mountain Home
- + Desert Ridge Wind/Solar – east of Mountain Home
- + Appaloosa Wind/Solar Project – east/southeast of Mountain Home

OTHER PROJECTS

- + Salmon Falls Wind Project – Jerry to review site this fall with developer
- + Blue Springs Solar Project – Twin Falls County
- + Cove Ranch Wind and Solar Project – denied by Gooding County
- + Oregon Trail Marina Project – east of Soda Springs – design changed to avoid OT damage

OTHER PROJECTS

- + Three Geothermal Lease Sale Projects
 - ✧ East of City of Rocks on Raft River just north of the Narrows
 - ✧ North of Magic Reservoir
 - ✧ Southeast of Birds of Prey area

OTHER PROJECTS - JERRY

- + ITD Projects
 - ✦ Material extraction northwest end of Craters of the Moon
 - ✦ Agreed to stay 500 feet from Jeffreys-Goodale Cutoff
 - ✦ Improvement of Highway 16 from Hwy 44 to Emmett
- + Idaho Power Lucky Peak Transmission Line Replacement
 - ✦ Crosses the Oregon Trail north Bonneville Point

SIGN PROJECTS

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|----------------------|-----------------|
| + Lane's Grave | Don Wind |
| + Ada County | David Gibbs |
| + Eagle | Jerry Eichhorst |
| + MOTBCB | Jerry Eichhorst |
| + Historical Markers | Jerry Eichhorst |

LANE'S GRAVE

- + Interpretive sign and wayfinding signs installed on October 16
- + Partnership with and thanks to NPS, Lane's Creek Ranch, Caribou County Commissioners, Caribou County Weed Control Department, Matthews Brothers, Gilbert Land and Livestock, Idaho Transportation Department
- + Special thanks to Don Wind for guiding this project over several years.

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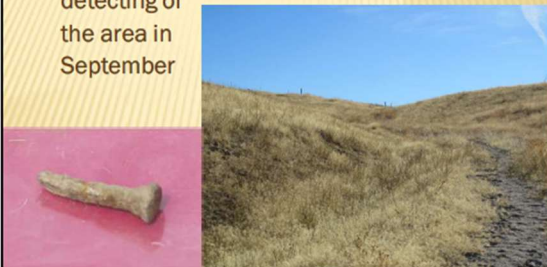


ADA COUNTY

- + Trying to add Oregon Trail historic signs to obelisks through town
- + Encountering ownership issues
- + NPS will help with new interpretive signs in parks along the Boise River

EAGLE

- + Did metal detecting of the area in September



MAIN OREGON TRAIL BACK COUNTRY BYWAY

- + Directional Signs
 - ✦ Working with BLM and ITD to inventory and repair/replace signs
 - ✦ Discussions about replacing mapboard signs
- + Interpretive Signs
 - ✦ Working with NPS Trails Office to remake signs
- + Lots of emails, not much action

ISHS HIGHWAY HISTORICAL MARKERS

- + Replacing all large historical marker signs on state highways
- + Adding about 100 more signs (+NAOT)
- + Jerry involved with reviewing and modifying all Trail related signs
- + Jim Hardee working on fur trapper signs
- + North Idaho was finished first
- + Currently working on District 3 (Southwest Idaho)

MODEL A CAR TOUR

- ✗ Video available on OCTA YouTube channel
- ✗ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=13K06DJD8tw>
- ✗ Created by Elmore County Sheriff's Office



LANDER ROAD MARKING

- ✗ Led by Gary Makey of Idaho Falls



OCTA COLLECTIONS AT ISU

- ✗ National has sent a legal-reviewed agreement to ISU Library Special Collections about housing the overflowing OCTA collections

PUEBLO CONVENTION

- ✗ David Gibbs – new OCTA Director
- ✗ John Briggs – Gregory M. Franzwa Meritorious Achievement Award



PUEBLO CONVENTION

- ✗ Hall of Fame Inductees – Nominations by

- + Don Wind – Father Pierre-Jean De Smet
- + Jim Hardee – Nathaniel Jarvis Wyeth



[Video Link](#)

PUEBLO CONVENTION – QUICK THOUGHTS

- ✗ John Briggs
- ✗ David Gibbs
- ✗ Don Wind
- ✗ Jim Hardee



OREGON TRAIL PRESENTATIONS

- + May 30 Glenns Ferry
 - ✗ Idaho Native Plant Society
- + June 6 Meridian
 - ✗ Walmart Member Appreciation
- + June 26 Meridian
 - ✗ Treasure Valley Metal Detectors Club
- + September 18 Hagerman
 - ✗ Hagerman Valley Historical Society



CANYON CREEK CELEBRATION

- + May 28 BLM received a grant from Idaho Heritage Trust to help pay for Canyon Creek station windows and doors
- + Does the chapter want to contribute?
- + As a chapter? As individuals? Chapter match?
- + IHT should match contributions

JEFFREYS-GOODALE CUTOFF OUTING

- + August 23 Craters of the Moon
- + Arranged from Glenns Ferry presentation to Idaho Native Plant Society
- + Walked 1.5 miles to access restricted area
- + Determined that what we thought was the route in one area was actually a graded road. Route was below in the valley and barely visible.

Canyon Creek Contribution: The total project cost is approximately \$40,000. It was proposed to contribute up to \$2,000 from the new Special Project account as matching contributions. 501(c)(3) contributions must be made through OCTA National. A motion to accept the proposal was made, seconded, and passed by unanimous voice vote.

JEFFREYS-GOODALE CUTOFF OUTING



NORTH ALTERNATE OT TOUR

- + September 20
- + Arranged in cooperation with Hagerman Valley Historical Society
- + About 20 people attended



OTHER OLD BUSINESS?

- ✗ Is there any other OLD business?
- ✗ If not, on to NEW business

NEW BUSINESS

- ✗ What is new in the chapter?
- ✗ Motion for lunch to be paid for by the chapter?

Lunch: A motion to have the Chapter purchase lunch was made, seconded, and passed unanimously

PEG LEG SMITH

- ✦ Jerry has been working with Steve Baldwin of California to try and determine the site of Peg Leg Smith's trading post on Bear River
- ✦ Steve is doing a lot of research and writing a book on Smith
- ✦ Jerry has provided numerous helpful diary accounts
- ✦ Steve has recently joined the Idaho chapter

MALHEUR COUNTRY OT SCENIC BYWAY

- ✦ Idea presented to Malheur Country Historical Society last year
- ✦ They liked the idea a lot
- ✦ Unfortunately, they do not have anyone willing to take charge of creating a byway
- ✦ Anyone interested in helping?



"NORTH IDAHO SUBCHAPTER"

- ✦ Rod Schobert
- ✦ 4 in the picture have already joined and more will



UPCOMING OCTA ACTIVITIES

- ✦ 2026 Symposium, Independence, MO
 - ✦ April 16 - 19
- ✦ 2026 Convention, Chico, CA
 - ✦ September 12 - 18
- ✦ 2027 Convention, Burley, ID
 - ✦ *more to come

CHAPTER ELECTIONS - SECRETARY

- ✦ Dave Price needs to step down from his position as chapter Secretary
- ✦ Duties are to take notes at chapter meetings and put out the minutes. I will provide the meeting slides as the basis.
- ✦ One year remaining in current term
- ✦ Any volunteers? Please..... ☺

CHAPTER ELECTIONS - DIRECTORS

- ✦ Two Director terms expire with this meeting
- ✦ Duties are to participate in group email decisions as part of the Leadership Team
- ✦ Shannon Gorringer will serve again
- ✦ Gary Kaufman is unable to serve another term
- ✦ Steve Dayton of Twin Falls has agreed to serve

CHAPTER ELECTIONS

- ✦ Secretary
 - ✦ _____
- ✦ Directors
 - ✦ Shannon Gorringer
 - ✦ Steve Dayton

NEW BUSINESS

- ✦ Any other NEW business?
- ✦ On to 2027 Convention

Chapter Elections: The Secretary position remains vacant, and volunteers are being solicited. Shannon Gorringer was re-elected, and Steve Dayton was elected as Directors by unanimous voice vote.

2027 CONVENTION

- ✦ Talked with the Convention Center Manager
- ✦ Rounded up a few speakers
- ✦ Detailed possible bus routes and hiking tours
- ✦ Presented ideas to National
- ✦ Prepared following slides for discussion
- ✦ *We need to get serious now!*

2027 CONVENTION FOCUS

- ✦ There is a lot of history in the southern Idaho area which is new to OCTA.
- ✦ This convention will focus on the early history of the south-central Idaho area including the Hunt expedition of 1812 and the Oregon and California Trail emigrants of the 1840s-1860s.
- ✦ Tours will present sites on the Oregon and California Trails from Fort Hall to Salmon Falls to Goose Creek.

2027 POSSIBLE THEME

- ✦ Exploring New Horizons
- ✦ Join the Idaho chapter as we introduce new areas of emigrant trails and expand OCTA's horizons.
- ✦ Possible image of a wagon in front of the Twin Sisters with the rays of the sun setting behind over the Goose Creek mountains

2027 CONVENTION DAYS

- ✦ Day 1 Board of Directors meeting, welcome reception
 - ✦ Day 2 General membership meeting, speakers, awards dinner
 - ✦ Day 3 Bus tours, chapter meetings
 - ✦ Day 4 Speakers, auction dinner
 - ✦ Day 5 Bus tours, closing event
- + Note: Days 3, 4, and 5 could be reordered depending upon bus availability and cost

2027 CONVENTION DATES

- ✦ Propose September 12-16

September						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		
7:00	15:00	23:00	29:00			

2027 CONVENTION RESPONSIBILITIES

Task Category	Primary Responsibility
Auction & Raffle Merchandise Sales Tours Volunteers	Chapter
Communications Exhibitors & Sales Rooms Facilities Meals & Drinks Registration Risk Management Transportation (buses)	National
Entertainment Finances Programs & Speakers Publications Sponsors	Shared Between National and Chapter

2027 CONVENTION PERSONNEL

- ✦ Chairman Jerry Eichhorst
- ✦ Financial John Briggs
- ✦ National
 - + Travis Boley (Association Manager)
 - + Charlie Dodge (Western Regional Representative)
 - + Chip Ashby (Digital Media Manager)
 - + Helen Hankins (President until 2027)

2027 CONVENTION OPENINGS

- ✦ We need people to volunteer for
 - + Tours: lead pre-convention, post-convention, and bus tours, assist with bus tours, arrange food, and load people on buses tours
 - + Auctions and raffle, merchandise sales, arrange a final event, entertainment, program and speakers, handle communications and publicity, develop the convention book, gather sponsors, etc., etc., etc.

2027 BURLEY INN CONVENTION CENTER

Seats 300 or More

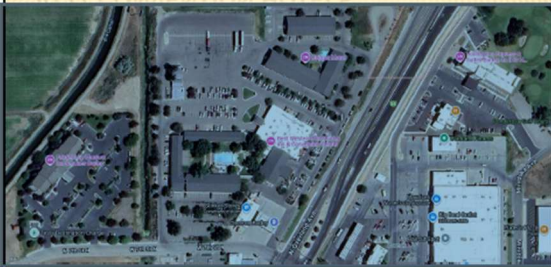
Room can be partitioned into smaller rooms

Onsite catering and banquet staff

124 hotel rooms, restaurant, bar

Several nearby hotels and restaurants

2027 CONVENTION HOTELS



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- ✖ Primary: Best Western Burley Inn
- ✖ Secondary:
 - + Fairfield Inn and Suites
 - + Holiday Inn Express and Suites

2027 DAY TIMINGS – MODEL 1

- ✖ Start meetings and presentations at 8:00 am
- ✖ End by 4:30 pm
- ✖ Speakers for 45 minutes + 15 minutes Q&A
- ✖ Breaks of 15 minutes between speakers
- ✖ AM: 8:00, 9:15, 10:30
- ✖ Lunch 11:45 – 1:00
- ✖ PM: 1:00, 2:15, 3:30
- ✖ Total of 10 speakers needed

2027 DAY TIMINGS – MODEL 2

- ✖ Start meetings and presentations at 8:30 am
- ✖ End by 4:45 pm
- ✖ Speakers for 45 minutes + 15 minutes Q&A
- ✖ Breaks of 15 minutes between speakers
- ✖ AM: 8:30, 9:45, 11:00
- ✖ Lunch 12:00 – 1:15
- ✖ PM: 1:15, 2:30, 3:45
- ✖ Total of 10 speakers needed

2027 DAY TIMINGS – MODEL 3

- ✖ Start meetings and presentations at 8:30 am
- ✖ End by 4:15 pm
- ✖ Speakers for 60 minutes + 15 minutes Q&A
- ✖ Breaks of 15 minutes between speakers
- ✖ AM: 8:30, 10:00
- ✖ Lunch 11:30 – 1:30
- ✖ PM: 1:30, 3:00
- ✖ Total of 7 speakers needed

2027 DAY TIMINGS – MODEL 4

- ✖ Start meetings and presentations at 8:30 am
- ✖ End by 5:00 pm
- ✖ Speakers for 60 minutes + 15 minutes Q&A
- ✖ Breaks of 15 minutes between speakers
- ✖ AM: 8:30, 10:00
- ✖ Lunch 11:30 – 1:00
- ✖ PM: 1:00, 2:30, 4:00
- ✖ Total of 9 speakers needed

2027 POSSIBLE PRE-CONVENTION TOURS

- ✖ California Trail
 - + Raft River to Malta (May outing)
 - + Granite Pass to Birch Creek
 - + Birch Creek to Record Bluff

2027 POSSIBLE HIKING TOURS

- ✦ City of Rocks
 - + Circle Creek Canyon
 - + Pinnacle Pass
 - + Devil's Bedstead
- ✦ Milner Recreation Area

2027 POSSIBLE BUS TOURS

- ✦ Oregon Trail from East – Fort Hall to Raft River
 - + Fort Hall, Massacre Rocks State Park, Raft River
 - + Parting of the Ways
 - + Lunch at Massacre Rocks State Park



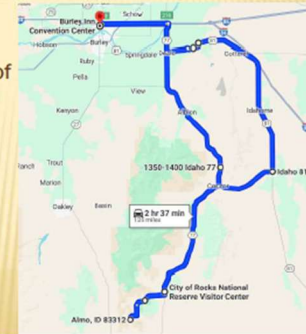
2027 POSSIBLE BUS TOURS

- ✦ Oregon Trail to West
 - + Stricker Ranch, Thousand Springs, Salmon Falls, OT Overlook interpretive site, Malad River
 - + BBQ Lunch in Hagerman by HVHS



2027 POSSIBLE BUS TOURS

- ✦ City of Rocks
 - + Follows the route of the California Trail
 - + Camp Rock, Register Rock, Pinnacle Pass
 - + Lunch at COR Visitor Center



2027 POSSIBLE POST-CONVENTION TOURS

- ✦ California Trail – Birch Creek to Thousand Springs (30 minutes drive to start)
- ✦ Oregon Trail – Main Oregon Trail Back Country Byway – Three Island Crossing to Mayfield (1 hour drive to start)
- ✦ North Alternate Oregon Trail – Snake River to King Hill (1 hour drive to start)

2027 PROPOSED KEYNOTE SPEAKER

- ✦ Randy'L Teton – Sacajawea (<https://www.randylteton.com/>)
- ✦ One big drawback – cost is \$2500 plus hotel and expenses



Key Note Speaker: The \$2,500 fee for a keynote speaker was noted as significant. It was discussed to cover the cost by including it in the convention registration fee. No decision was made.

2027 ARRANGED SPEAKERS

- ✦ Jim Hardee – 1812 Wilson Price Hunt & 1813 Robert Stewart Expeditions
- ✦ Don Wind – Father De Smet
- ✦ Trenton Durfee – City of Rocks
- ✦ Nicholas Lowe – 1849 Artists on the Trails
- ✦ Eric Bedke – Ranching on the California Trail

2027 POSSIBLE SPEAKERS

- ✦ Steve Dayley – Peg Leg Smith
- ✦ Jerry Eichhorst – Snake River Indian Attacks, North Alternate Oregon Trail
- ✦ Darren Perry – Bear River Massacre (spoke in Ogden and Salt Lake City OCTA events)

2027 CALENDAR PROPOSAL

- ✧ Propose a 2027 wall calendar using best pictures of trails in Idaho
- ✧ Market next year at Chico convention, California Trail Days, etc.
- ✧ Sales tax implications complicate the effort

A	B	C	H	I	J	K
Order Quantity	Unit Price	Total Cost	Profit \$10	Profit \$12	Profit \$15	Profit \$20
50	\$9.65	\$482.25	\$17.75	\$117.75	\$267.75	\$517.75
100	\$6.58	\$658.48	\$341.52	\$541.52	\$841.52	\$1,341.52
150	\$5.58	\$836.39	\$663.61	\$963.61	\$1,413.61	\$2,163.61
200	\$5.07	\$1,014.31	\$985.69	\$1,385.69	\$1,985.69	\$2,985.69
250	\$4.77	\$1,192.22	\$1,307.78	\$1,807.78	\$2,557.78	\$3,807.78

MEETING WRAP-UP

- ✧ Questions
- ✧ Adjourn

Convention Discussions Summary

Date Selection: September 12–16, 2027

Day Format: Model 2 selected. “Hall monitors” should be available to clear the hall and ensure the next speaker starts on time.

Logo / SWAG: Promotional items or merchandise will need to be available at the 2026 Convention in Chico, CA to promote the 2027 IOCTA Convention.

Proposed Hike / Tour / Demonstration Ideas (in no particular order):

Cadaver Dog demonstration

Covered Wagon model or exhibit

Oregon Trail food/samples

Gold mining/panning

Workshop to introduce OCTA (and other) resources for personal research

Cauldron Linn self-guided auto tour

Volunteers Needed: Assistance is needed for planning and conducting activities!

The chapter meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Submitted by Paul Dinwiddie